

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 17TH, 1934.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, on Tuesday, April 17th, 1934.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

Major General Milton A. Reckord and Mr. Walter N. Kirkman attended the meeting. *military*

The Board took up with General Reckord the question of vouchers submitted in favor of Carl Schmidt, one in the amount of \$1,000.00 - "For services rendered extending over a period of six weeks from January 13, 1933, incident to destruction of 5th Regiment Armory by fire, in assisting in the adjudication of fire losses, in the capacity of representative of the Adjutant General of the State; also in supervising such remedial and protective measures required in protection of the general public and preservation of property interests of the State.", and the other for \$2,800.00 - "For services rendered as Supervisor of C.W.A. work of reconstruction work at the Fifth Regiment Armory and at 110th Field Artillery Reservation, from November 24, 1933 to March 24, 1934, - 4 months at \$500.00 - \$2,000.00 - for use of office facilities including draughtsman, stenographer, etc from November 24th, 1933 to March 24, 1934. - 4 months at \$200.00 - \$800.00?"

General Reckord explained to the Board that Mr. Schmidt had been of considerable assistance to him in connection with the work entailed by the fire which destroyed the Fifth Regiment Armory, and also in connection with work incident to the securing of money for material and labor from the Civil Work Administration for the reconstruction of the Armory, and the work at the 110th Field Artillery at Pikesville.

The Board was of the opinion that the inclusion of the item for use of office facilities at the rate of \$200.00 per month was questionable, but General Reckord explained that considerable work was necessary in connection with the preparation of C.W.A. estimates, and the furnishing of information to the Federal authorities. He stated that he was willing to eliminate this item from future compensation to Mr. Schmidt for services which the latter would perform in connection with the supervision of the reconstruction of the Fifth Regiment Armory and the work at the 110 Field Artillery. The Board was of the opinion that no further allowance for this expense should be made and requested General Reckord to advise Mr. Schmidt that approval would not be given to payment for it subsequent to March 24th, 1934, up to which

time the vouchers submitted by Captain Schmidt included this expense.

The Board also advised General Reckord that in the event the work on the Armory should slow down appreciably, the Board would expect General Reckord to consider whether compensation at the rate of \$500.00 a month for Mr. Schmidt for supervision was excessive, and to secure further authority from the Board as to any revised compensation.

The Board approved the purchases of supplies and materials made by General Reckord in connection with the work of reconstruction of the Armory, and the expense of insuring the material secured from the Civil Works Administration of the Federal Government.

General Reckord explained to the Board the difficulty he was having in securing mechanics for the work because of the fact that these mechanics were limited as to the time they were allowed to put in on the work because of being on Relief, and General Reckord stated that it might be necessary later for him to employ mechanics directly without regard to the Relief situation in the reconstruction of the Armory. The Board advised him to proceed with the work but to keep the Board advised of the situation from time to time.

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The Board authorized the Governor to sign on behalf of the State a contract submitted by the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company for the furnishing of lighting in the electric lamps around the State House Circle. The contract calls for 32 lamps at a cost of \$82.00 per year, per lamp. The contract had been referred to the Public Service Commission for review, and a letter from Mr. Harold E. West, Chairman of the Commission, stating that the contract was considered fair and reasonable, was read.

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Mr. Kirkman took up with the Board the question of having printed copies of the Election Laws for the use of the

various Boards of Supervisors of Elections, Judges of Election, and Clerks of Election. Mr. Kirkman stated that the cost of this work if done outside would be about \$2,500.00, but that he thought considerable saving could be effected if the work were done at the Maryland Penitentiary Printing Department.

Mr. Kirkman was authorized to proceed with the work.

The Secretary took up with the Board the request made by Miss Mary E. Shearn, State Librarian, for an allowance of \$175.00 out of the Emergency Reserve Fund to take care of a prospective deficit in the State Library Budget for the current fiscal year, due to unusual expenses incurred incident to the Special Session of the General Assembly of 1933.

The Board authorized the allowance to the State Library Budget of \$175.00 out of the Emergency Reserve Fund.

The Comptroller presented to the Board a statement from the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City, covering expenditures for relief in Baltimore City for the period April 1st to 15th, 1934, in the amount of \$712,589.29. Of the amount named \$525,000. was to be paid out of proceeds of sale of bonds of the Emergency Unemployment Relief Loan of 1933, this amount being the balance in the State Treasury to the credit of that Account, the balance to be paid out of Federal Funds.

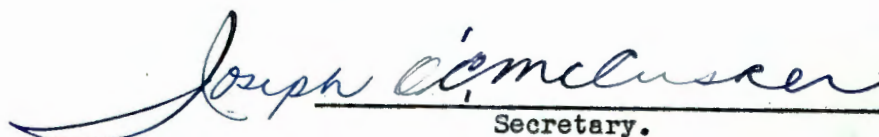
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The Board approved the statement submitted by the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City and authorized the payment of it.

Governor Ritchie advised of the receipt of a letter from Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect, in which Mr. Fowler advised that he had secured the services of Donald A. Logan of Baltimore, as Clerk of Works for the Hall of Records, at \$45.00 a week.

The Board approved the employment of Mr. Logan, and authorized payment for his services out of funds available for the construction of the Building.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.